

period of five years. If during any three out of these five years, the flow of water-discharge is adequate as assessed in the award, the decision regarding raising the reservoir level to 138.68 metres (455 feet) could be considered.

Construction of the dam will proceed pari-passu with the resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected persons as per terms of the Award and relief and rehabilitation Policies laid down by the States in this regard. The States shall ensure speedy and proper implementation of the relief and rehabilitation measures.

Accidents of IAF Aircrafts

3906. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN :
SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of IAF aircrafts lost due to accidents during this year;
- (b) whether the Government are aware of the increasing number of accidents of IAF aircrafts; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken and proposed to be taken by the Government to enquire into the causes of accidents and to prevent recurrence of such events?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c). 15 IAF aircraft have been lost in air accidents during this calendar year. This number is lower than the average figure of accidents of the last decade. A Court of Inquiry is ordered after every accident and remedial measures are taken to ensure non-recurrence of the shortcoming leading to the accident.

Road Projects by Overseas Companies

3907. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

- (a) the total number of Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) and Build-Operate-Own-Transfer (BOOT) roadway projects that have so far been taken up for construction, and the progress in respect of each of them;
- (b) the total length of these roads, and the money so far spent on each of them;
- (c) the details of the projects undertaken by overseas companies, their names and the countries they belong to; and
- (d) the time by which these ongoing projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRIT.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). Two bypass projects having a length of 23 & 11 Km. in the States of Maharashtra & Rajasthan respectively have been taken up under Build, Operate and Transfer Scheme (BOT). The progress of construction is about 40 percent in the former, while the latter has been awarded only recently. Under BOT concept, the physical progress only and not the financial progress is monitored by Government.

(c) None.

(d) The ongoing projects are likely to be completed by March, 1998.

National Highway Revolving Fund

3908. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there is any proposal to create a National Highway Revolving Fund; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRIT.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). The proposal is in conceptual stage and it is too early to give any details.

Funds to Kerala under C.R.F.

3909. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether any amount from the Central Road Fund has been released for Kerala during 1995-96 and 1996-97;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRIT.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). Rs. 17.00 lakhs have been released for Kerala during 1995-96 from the Central Road Fund. The amount during 1996-97 will be released after the Demands for Grants are passed by Parliament.

Hindustan Latex Limited

3910. SHRI SURESH KODIKUNNIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there is any proposal for expansion and development of Hindustan Latex Limited in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether there is any crisis facing HLL;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government have given top priority to purchasing of HLL productions;
- (f) whether the Hindustan Latex Limited products are pending;
- (g) if so, the total quantum of products still pending; and
- (h) the step being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). The Hindustan Latex Limited has contemplated setting up of a project for the manufacture of Bulk Drug - 'Centchrome'.

(c) to (h). The Company depends heavily on procurement of its products by the Government for the National Family Welfare Programme. Therefore, continuance of the present policy of Preference is critical for the Company. Presently, Purchase Preference Policy is being followed by the Ministry while placing orders. The inventory of production with the Company will be fluctuating from time to time.

Major Projects from Brahmaputra Board

3911. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state.

(a) whether Brahmaputra Board has prepared some major projects covering the Brahmaputra and the Barak river systems; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to implement these projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). Brahmaputra Board has undertaken survey and investigations for several major multipurpose projects on the Brahmaputra river and its tributaries and also on the Barak river. The Technical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources has so far accorded technical clearance to the Tipaimukh project on Barak and Pagladiya project on Pagladiya river, a tributary of Brahmaputra. In respect of Pagladiya project, environmental clearance has been received recently. Planning Commission is being approached for issuing investment clearance.

Filaria Patients

3912. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of filaria patients in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the effective steps taken by the Government to control this disease and the extent to which these steps have proved successful;

(c) whether Government propose to launch a National Filaria Control Programme to control the spread of this disease;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) State-wise estimated number of Filaria patients as recorded in 1995 is given in the statement enclosed.

(b) to (e). The National Filaria Control Programme (NFCP) has been in operation to undertake vector control activities and provide passive treatment to the patients reporting to the Units. The Programme is a Centrally sponsored Programme operated on a 50:50 sharing basis.

As a result of the measures undertaken, it has been reported that the micro-filarial rates in 74 per cent of towns and disease rates in 69 per cent of towns showed reduction where control measures have been in operation for more than 5 years.

STATEMENT

*Statewise estimated number of filaria cases as on
31.12.1995*

Sl. No.	Name of the States/Union Territories	No. of filaria cases (In million)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1.48
2.	Assam	6.09
3.	Goa	-
4.	Bihar	5.95
5.	Gujarat	0.14
6.	Karnataka	0.08
7.	Kerala	2.45
8.	Madhya Pradesh	0.08
9.	Maharashtra	0.17